

# Neighborhood News

## December Meeting Highlights

Gretchen Krasley ran the meeting. PSA 2 Sergeant McAfee was on hand to update us on criminal activity in the neighborhood. He announced that the copper thief has been arrested. He advised neighbors to report suspicious people sitting in parked cars. Tom Mulligan's patrol of the neighborhood brought information about possible zoning and code violations. Neighbors reported a decrease in noise since the patrols have been increased. Other neighbors reported some car break-ins during December. Attendees discussed issues about parking to raise with Tamara Dolan of the Parking Authority, who will speak at our January, 2012, meeting. Gretchen reminded neighbors about the Snow Angel Program coordinated by the Senior Center and the City of Allentown. Neighbors enjoyed holiday refreshments and fellowship at the end of the meeting.

## Snow Way Out Program

Designed for seniors who need help removing snow from their sidewalks, seniors may sign up for the "Snow Way Out" program. Applications are available on the city website, [www.allentownpa.org](http://www.allentownpa.org) by clicking on the "SERVAllentown Logo" and at the senior center, at 1633 W. Elm Street, Allentown, PA.

- Click on "Snow Removal Application", download application, fill it out and send it to the Lehigh Senior Center.
- The senior center receives applications for snow removal services and qualifies each applicant. Applicant is then put on a list.

Volunteers wanting to participate in the program may sign up to perform snow removal by going to the city website, [www.allentownpa.org](http://www.allentownpa.org) and clicking on the "SERVAllentown Logo". Joshua Keller the city's volunteer chief service officer receives all volunteer applications and performs a background check. Once volunteer is approved a copy of application is sent to the Senior Center for their records. If you have questions about this program, call Mr. Keller at 610 437-7688.

## Citizens Helping Eliminate Crime **CHEC-MATE**

CHEC-Mate, designed by the Allentown Police Department gives Allentown residents a way of calling the police anonymously to report suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. Request a CHEC-Mate card by calling 610-437-7522 or attending one of our meetings. In 4-6 weeks you will receive your card with a number assigned specifically to you. When call the communications center, you give only your CHEC-MATE number on the card. CHEC-Mate is a confidential way of reporting crime to help make your neighborhood safer! Take extra care to protect yourself, your family and your property. Please report suspicious people, vehicles, or activity to the police. The police non-emergency number is 610 437-7751. In an emergency call 911. See current crime reports on page 2.



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**Our next meeting:**  
**Wednesday, January 11**  
**7:00 P.M**

*Guest Speaker*  
**Tamara Dolan**  
*Allentown Parking Authority*  
**Christ E.C. Church**  
**2135 Tilghman St.**

Muhlenberg Area Community Watch meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at Christ E. C. Church 2135 Tilghman St., Lower Level

*We invite residents of any neighborhood in the city to join us!*

**Future Meetings:**  
**Wednesday, February 8**  
**Wednesday, March 14**

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## Crime Reports

Our Community Watch receives a crime report of activity in our area from the Allentown Police Department. The reports give the date, location, and type of incident. Nuisance crimes like carrying open alcohol or underage drinking do not appear on this list. Neighbors have requested that this information be included in the newsletter. The location will be given by block only.

10-02	400 block Leh St.	Noise Complaint
11-01	2700 Block Gordon St.	Theft
11-03	2200 Block Liberty St.	Forcible Entry Residence
11-05	500 Block Glenwood St.	Disturbance Other Than Family
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11-06	23rd & Liberty Sts.	Suspicious Auto Noises Person
11-07	600 Block Lafayette St.	Vandalism To Vehicles
11-08	2700 Block Allen St.	Vandalism
11-08	600 Block 27th St.	Theft
11-08	24th & Allen Sts.	Noise Complaint
11-09	600 Block 27th St.	Graffiti To School
11-09	600 Block 27th St.	Theft
11-10	2000 Block Allen St.	Forcible Entry Non-Residence
11-13	2200 Block Chew St.	Theft
11-13	2000 Block Turner St.	Theft From Auto
11-13	Tilghman & 22nd Sts.	Theft From Auto
11-13	400 Block 22nd St.	Noise Complaint
11-17	500 Block Glenwood St.	Theft
11-17	600 Block N Berks St.	Vandalism To Vehicles
11-18	2400 Block Chew St.	Theft From Auto
11-18	2300 Block Allen St.	Juvenile Complaints
11-19	21st & Liberty Sts.	Disturbance Other Than Family
11-19	2100 Block Liberty St.	Noise Complaint
11-20	2700 Block Allen St.	Theft
11-21	500 Block 20th St.	Vandalism To Vehicles
11-21	Leh & Tilghman Sts.	Vandalism To Vehicles
11-22	2600 Block Allen St.	Theft From Buildings
11-25	2700 Block Gordon St.	Theft
11-25	600 Block Glenwood St.	Theft
11-26	2000 Block Turner St.	Vandalism To Public Buildings
11-26	2700 Block Allen St.	Theft
11-27	27th & Allen Sts.	Suspicious Auto Noises Person
11-27	600 Block N St Lucas St.	Noise Complaint
11-28	2600 Block Gordon St.	Suspicious Auto Noises Person
11-28	200bl N 20th St.	Theft From Auto
11-28	2200 Block Tilghman St.	Forcible Entry Residence
11-30	500 Block S Berks St.	Suspicious Auto Noises Person
11-29	600bl Albright Ave.	Theft From Auto
11-28	500 Block N Leh St.	Theft From Auto

**Criminal Mischief:** usually a form of vandalism – broken windows, graffiti, etc. **Theft:** stealing items from vehicles or from outdoor areas. **Burglary:** illegal entry into a home or business to steal items. **Disturbance – Other than Family:** Any disturbance between two people that are not related - neighbors, friends, store clerk/patron (Domestic Disturbances are tracked separately).

## Phone Numbers to Know

City Information Desk 610 439-5999  
Code Enforcement 610 437-7661  
Code Enforcement Rental Licensing 610 437-7694.  
Community Problems (neighbor disputes) 610 437-7773  
Crime Prevention Unit 610 437-7719  
Emergency Medical Services (paramedics) 610 437-7531  
Emergency Medical Services (non-emergency) 610 437-7751  
Garbage Complaints 610 437-8729  
Graffiti Busters 610 437-8729  
Graffiti in Progress 9-1-1  
Housing Compliance/Inspections 610 437-7697  
Leaf Pickup 610 437-7587  
Police Calls (non-emergency) 610 437-7751\*  
Rental Unit Inspections 610 437-7695  
Sewer Back-up 610 437 7639  
Sewer Emergencies after hours 610 437-7751  
State Representative Jennifer Mann 610 821-5577  
SWEEP (Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste) 610 437-8729  
Weeds/Grass Overgrowth 610 437-8729  
Yard Waste Recycling 610 437-8729  
Zoning 610 437-7630  
\*When calling 610 437-7751, remember that anything that impairs the peace, dignity, and decorum of the neighborhood is considered “disruptive conduct.”  
**Tip for calling 9-1-1**  
If you hear an intruder in your home, stay where you are and call 9-1-1. You don’t have to say anything, just leave the line open and don’t hang up. This works with land lines and cell phones alike.

**Vandalism to Residence** Any form of criminal mischief that is done directly to a house or residence. **Forcible Entry** Another term for burglary, where someone had to use some sort of force to enter the home/business (i.e. prying a